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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing adds Fig. 5. Fig. 5 is added to more clearly show the coupling unit C and its interaction with the through-hole 213 of the front panel 210. No new matter is added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)

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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification, the drawings, and claims 1, 3-4, and 10-11 are amended. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objected to the drawings, for allegedly failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference number 20. The specification has been amended to correct reference numeral "20" to read --200--. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

The Office Actions objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a), alleging that the features of claims 6-8 and 10 are not shown in the drawings. Figure 5 has been added to more clearly show the coupling unit C and its interaction with the through-hole 213 of the front panel 210. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Figure 2 of the present application and the corresponding disclosure, in view of Tillman, U.S. Patent No 5,031,266. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, coupling units having predetermined intervals at the insertion rib and fixedly coupled by being caught at a front panel of the refrigerator door so that an end surface of the front panel contacts an upper surface of the cover part, for preventing a leakage of the foaming agent filled in the refrigerator door. It is respectfully submitted that neither Figure 2 of the present application nor Tillman disclose or suggest at least such features, or the claimed combination of independent claim 1.

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Referring, for example, to the exemplary embodiment shown in Figures 3-5 of the present application, the side panel 230 has a predetermined size (area) and the coupling units C are respectively provided on the side panel 230 at predetermined intervals. When the side panel 230 is coupled to the front panel 210 of the refrigerator door, a coupling unit C of the side panel 230 is coupled to a through hole 213 of the front panel 210 of the refrigerator door, after the other coupling unit C of the side panel 230 is coupled to the other through hole 213 of the front panel 210 of the refrigerator door. In coupling the side panel 230 to the front panel 210, when the other side of the side panel 230 is coupled to the front panel 210 after one side of the side panel 230 is fixed to the front panel 210, releasing of the fixed opposite side is prevented. Thus, an assembling operation is easy, and accordingly assembling productivity improved.

Further, in Tillman, through slots 74 are formed at the male end 48 of a tube 46 of a vacuum cleaner wand in the form of a pipe and coupling units 70, 72 are provided in tube 68. When the coupling units 70, 72 of the tube 68 are coupled to the through slots 74 of the male end 48, the tube 68 is inserted into the male end 48. In contrast, referring again, for example, to the exemplary embodiment shown in Figures 3-5 of the present application, when the coupling units C are coupled to the through holes 213 of the front panel 210 of the refrigerator door, the end surface of the front panel 210 contacts an upper surface of the cover part 231, thereby preventing a leakage of the foaming agent filled in the refrigerator door.

Thus, neither Figure 2 of the present application nor Tillman, taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the claimed features of independent claim 1 as noted above. Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 1 over Figure 2 of the present application and Tillman should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2-11 are allowable over Figure 2 of the present

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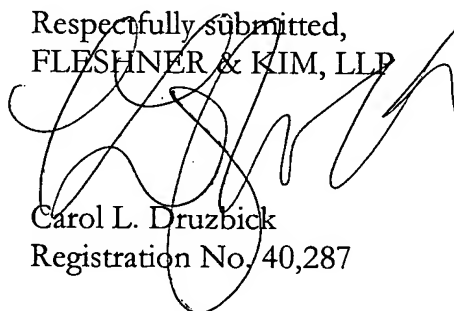
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application and Tillman at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for their added features.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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